IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants: T. YAMADA et al.

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For: DATA FORMAT CONVERSION METHOD AND

EQUIPMENT, AND CONTROLLER MANAGEMENT SYSTEM USING DATA FORMAT CONVERSION

EQUIPMENT

Group: 2193

Examiner: John Q. Chavis

STATEMENT OF SUBSTANCE

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 April 13, 2009

Sir:

On March 10, 2009, a telephone interview was conducted between Donna K. Mason, counsel to Applicants, and Examiner John Chavis.

Applicants' separate statement of substance of interview follows:

Applicants thank the Examiner for contacting counsel to Applicants on March 10, 2009 to discuss the allowability of the application. In the Examiner-Initiated Interview, the Examiner requested that Applicants cancel non-elected claims 3 and 17-20 to place the application in condition for allowance.

Counsel to Applicants agreed to the cancellation of claims 3 and 17-20, and authorized the Examiner to cancel the claims by an Examiner's Amendment.

To the extent necessary, Applicants petition for an extension of time under 37 CFR 1.136. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, or credit any overpayment of fees, to the deposit account of BRUNDIDGE & STANGER, P.C., Deposit Account No. 50-4888 (referencing Attorney Docket No. 500.42830X00).

Respectfully submitted,

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